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SUBJECT: KENYAN SECURITY CONCERNS

REFERENCE: NAIROBI 917(NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S UPDATE ON KENYAN SECURITY
CONCERNS AND ASSESSMENT OF CONTINUING POSSIBILITY THAT
GOK MAY APPROACH U.S. AND OTHER POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS WITH
REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. WE NOTE TOO THAT
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES
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INTENDED TO OFFSET INCREASED OIL COSTS FOR LDC'S MAY

PLACE GOK IN A BETTER POSITION TO CONTEMPLATE CASH
PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

2. WE FORESEE THREE WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
RESPOND FAVORABLY IF GOK APPROACHES EMBASSY WITH
SPECIFIC REQUEST:

(A) GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT (FMS) CASH CREDIT SALES:
WE WILL BE PREPARING IN NEAR FUTURE A REQUEST FOR A
PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION (PD) TO AUTHORIZE CASH SALE
OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO KENYA AND A SMALL NUMBER OF
OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNDER FMS PROCEDURES. WE
WOULD NOT AT THIS TIME WISH TO PROPOSE INSTITUTING A
MAP GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD BE HIGHLY UNLIKELY
BECAUSE OF AUSTERE CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND THE

LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTION LIMITING THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES
ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT MAP (EXCEPT FOR CONUS TRAINING)
TO 31 COUNTRIES.

(B) COMMERCIAL SALE BY U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF
CERTAIN TYPES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH COMES UNDER
MUNITIONS CONTROL PROCEDURES (SEE 10 FAM 180 APPENDIX A).
DEPT CANNOT APPROVE SUCH PURCHASES IN ABSENCE OF
SPECIFIC REQUEST, BUT ON POLICY GROUNDS WE ARE PREPARED
TO LOOK AS FAVORABLY AS POSSIBLE ON EACH APPLICATION.

(C) COMMERCIAL SALE BY U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF
EQUIPMENT SOME OF WHICH MAY BE CONTROLLED BY COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT EXPORT-LICENSING PROCEDURE. AGAIN DEPT
PREPARED TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN WORKING
WITH COMMERCE TO GIVE POLICY CLEARANCE.

3. WHILE DEPT DOES NOT SEE NEED FOR YOU TO MAKE
SPECIAL POINT OF CONTACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER ON
SUBJECT, BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN CASUAL
CONVERSATION TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS AS TO WHETHER HMG
IS LIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIVE TO ANY GOK
REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE SO AS TO FORESTALL
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SUPPLIERS. KISSINGER

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